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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications & Energy  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
One South Station, Second Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

**Re: D.T.E. 01-39 – Joint Request for Modification of Procedural Schedule**

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

By this letter Verizon Massachusetts (“Verizon MA”), on behalf of itself, AT&T Communications of New England, Inc. and Covad Communications Company, respectfully requests that the Department modify the current procedural schedule in the above-referenced proceeding for all parties as set forth below. The parties to this proceeding continue to pursue possible settlement of this matter. In addition, AT&T and Covad have recently filed a motion seeking leave to amend their Complaint in this proceeding as well as a proposed amendment. While Verizon MA does not intend to oppose that motion, the modification of the current schedule will afford Verizon MA a reasonable opportunity to amend its Answer and also provide a further opportunity for the parties to continue pursuing settlement of the matters in dispute. Accordingly, Verizon MA respectfully requests that the Department enter an order modifying the procedural schedule in accordance with the following proposed schedule mutually agreed upon by the parties:

10/29/01	Verizon Amended Answer Due
11/13/01	AT&T/Covad Direct Testimony Due
11/30/01	Verizon Rebuttal Testimony Due
12/18/01	AT&T/Covad Rebuttal Testimony Due
12/27/01	Discovery Period Closes

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1/08/02	Evidentiary hearing
1/15/02	Responses to Record Requests Due
1/22/02	Initial Briefs Due
2/05/02	Reply Briefs Due

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/Keefe B. Clemons

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Enclosure

cc: Jesse Reyes, Esquire, Hearing Officer  
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